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23rd February, 1892. 369

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Hongkong, August 1, 1891. 1515

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AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£1,000,000.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....£500,000.

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Current Accounts.

For rates of Interest for other periods apply to the MANAGER.

Hongkong, September 26, 1892. 22

Intimations.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE,
No. 1165 E.G.

Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the PREMISES, Hall, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 16th Inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, November 16, 1892. 1977

DILIGENTIA LODGE OF
INSTRUCTION.

Regular MEETING of the above LODGE will be held on THURSDAY, the 17th Instant, at 5.30 p.m. precisely.

Hongkong, November 14, 1892. 1998

SHANGHAI DISTRICT.

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Hongkong, November 14, 1892. 1998

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 77.

Kiu-toan Beacon. Old Beacon disappeared. Wooden Beacon to be erected.

A Wooden Beacon, about 45 feet high and surrounded by a black ball, will be erected as near the site of the Old Beacon as possible.

TH. E. COCKER, for Harbour Master.

R. E. BREDON, Commissioner of Customs.

Custom House, Shanghai, 11th November, 1892. 2005

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

SIXTH CALL of ONE POUND (£1) per Share, making £3 in all, is PAYABLE on or before SIX DECEMBER next, at the Current Rate of Exchange.

When making payment, SHAREHOLDERS will please send their PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATES in order that same may be exchanged for PERMANENT CERTIFICATES showing £3 paid-up.

Resident at Yokohama, Shanghai, Amoy and Foochow may PAY at the BANK'S BRANCHES there.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, November 5, 1892. 1000

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT of Bonus for the Year 1891.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested to send in to this Office a List of their CONTRIBUTIONS of PIAKIAH for the year ending 31st December last, in Order that the PROPORTION of PROFIT for that year to PAID-UP to CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not sent in before the 30th Instant will be made up by the Company, and no subsequent Claims or allowed.

By Order of the Directors.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, November 1, 1892. 1914

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

SURGEON WANTED—for the S.S. "Takoma" for the voyage from Hongkong to Taicou.

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, November 14, 1892. 2001

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Apply to
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Hongkong, November 10, 1892. 1916

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Hongkong, October 27, 1892. 1886

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THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

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All Parcel Postages should be marked to address in full; and same will be received day the Company's Office until 5 p.m. the previous to sailing.

Complaints in regard to accompany Cargo destined to points beyond San Francisco, in the United States, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 72, Queen's Road Central.

J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.

Hongkong, November 11, 1892. 1945

To-day's Advertisements.

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship *Glamorganshire*, Captain DATES, will be despatched as above at Daylight on SATURDAY, the 19th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, November 16, 1892. 1974

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR BANGKOK (DIRECT).

The Company's Steamer *Sole Star*.

Captain A. BROWN, will be despatched for the above Port on SUNDAY, the 20th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

YUEN FAT HONG, Agents.

Hongkong, November 16, 1892. 2017

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA NAGASAKI AND KOBE.

(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship *Anconia*, Captain W. D. MUDIE, will leave for the above place on FRIDAY, the 25th instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

H. H. JOSEPH, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office.

Hongkong, November 16, 1892. 2014

STEAM TO SHANGAI.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship *Sister*.

Captain W. D. WOODS, will have quick despatch for the above port after her arrival with the outward Mail.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

H. H. JOSEPH, Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office.

Hongkong, October 18, 1892. 2019

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNIERS.

S.S. GLAMORGANSHIRE.

FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

DEPARTURES.

November 16.

Taipeh, German str., from Whampoa.

Preto, German str., from Whampoa.

Glamorgan, British steamer, 1,821, J. Ferguson, London and Singapore, Nov. 8.

General, J. D. INS, MATHEWS & CO.

Inconstant, French steamship, 811, Capt. E. Saenger, German, 9th.

Aspinwall, British steamer, 1,842, J. Ferguson, London and Singapore, Nov. 8.

General, DOWNEY, CARLILL & CO.

Narrows, British steamer, 853, J. Harris, Liverpool, November 12, Amoy 14, and Swatow 15, General—DOUGLAS SHIPMAN & CO.

Tai Yick, German str., 903, F. N. Enke, Newchwang November 10, Beans—MEYER & CO.

Ash Danish steamer, 628, Revsbeck, Hayphons Nov. 13, and Hainan 15, Rice and Gmelin—A. R. MARTY.

Nicoya, British steamer, 595, J. Norrie, Bangkok October 5, Thibet—WEILKE & CO.

DEPARTURES.

November 16.

Thale, for Soochow.

Chitogoro, for Singapore and Calcutta.

Calcutta, for Europe.

Amoy, for Nagasaki.

Asi, for Manila.

Tizen, for Amoy.

Emeralda, for Amoy.

Tai Yick, for Whampoa.

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Ningo, for Shanghai.

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THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, November 9, 1892.

To-day's Advertisements.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW.

The Co.'s Steamship *Nanoo*,

Captain HARRIS, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 18th instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLASS, LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

public works upon which the money will be expended. It is to be hoped that the Loan will be allowed to run for 50 years, as the "better terms" would be secured by borrowing for that time than for a shorter period. On this and other points, further instructions will be sent to the Secretary of State, before the end of this month, and when received I will immediately communicate them to you.

In the Diet Estimates there is a sufficient sum to meet the interest of the Loan and other charges which will be laid upon it in 1893 having been inserted. It has been estimated that \$40,000 will be required for that purpose, and this is the amount I referred to at the commencement of my speech. With this addition the Estimates show a sum of \$6,785 of Revenue over Ordinary Expenditure.

Assuming your ready concurrence in these proposals, I shall, in accordance with the wish expressed by the unofficial members of Council in their Memo. of the 20th December, 1890, afford every possible information in regard to these works, and whenever and wherever practicable, designs, drawings and plans of them will be submitted.

If His Members desirous it, a Standing Public Works Committee, with the Director of Public Works as Chairman, might be appointed to superintend and to control the expenditure of the amounts raised under the proposed Loan Ordinance.

In the memo. to which I have just referred a hope was expressed by Hon. Members that the vote of \$40,000, which they considered "merely grasshopper," for the construction of a residence at the Peak for the Governor would not be exceeded later on. In the Estimates drawn up by the Director of Public Works a sum of \$55,000 is inserted for that object. It may be possible to reduce that amount, but if reduced I am informed that it will necessitate a considerable alteration in the plans that have already been prepared, and possibly an abandonment of the now selected site.

In reference to the now made the Secretary of State desires to be furnished with a report of his urgency and necessity, and no steps will be taken towards commencing it until the plan &c. have been approved by the Council and Lordship.

There is one other point to which it is desirable to refer, and that is the comparative advantage of borrowing in gold in England, rather than in silver locally. This question was fully discussed in 1886 and 1887 and special reference was made to it in my address of 26th January last. An interesting and important despatch on the subject from Lord Stanley, dated 2nd February 1888, was laid before the Council, and in these documents, I would venture to direct your careful attention.

The possibility of affecting retribution in the public service has naturally engaged my most anxious consideration. In that service vested interests cannot be disregarded, and all retribution consequently must be more or less of a prospective nature. I have publicly stated that when opportunity arises I will take advantage of them, but time is required to effect all such reforms. The Civil Service is to a certain extent over-offered, and the salaries of the Clerical service are capable of reduction as savings occur. There is no doubt also that the cost of the Police is extremely heavy, and that in future by extending the term of service which qualifies Indian and Chinese constables for pension considerable savings may be effected.

As there exists in our midst an indolent and generally apathetic Portuguese community, and one which respects Chinese, are quite fit for public employment, there will be no necessity, except in rare cases, to recruit the Clerical service, as distinct from the Civil Service, proper, by the appointment into it of Englishmen hereafter. I propose therefore a reorganization of the Clerical Establishment, and a division of that Establishment into 6 classes, with salaries ranging from \$360 per annum in the lowest, \$2,400 per annum in the highest class. It will be found on comparison that the average salaries to be paid under this scheme will exceed the average paid in Singapore, Mauritius and Ceylon, and will be more liberal than the salaries paid by the best private firms in Hongkong.

For Portuguese and Chinese clerks these salaries will be found sufficient. These officers do not labour in a disengaged capacity, as European do, as they have not as yet been absorbed into European society, and as they are domineered less and assimilated more easily, with less risk, and for more comfort, than Englishmen occupying corresponding positions. This reorganization will effect a saving of between \$25,000 and \$30,000 a year. In arriving at this conclusion and making this statement, I wish it to be fully understood that I do not in any way undervalue the services of the Portuguese officers now employed in the Departments of Government. They are trustworthy and industrious public servants, and several of them have satisfactorily and faithfully fulfilled their duties for a quarter of a century and upwards.

With regard to the Civil Service proper, I have suggested to the Secretary of State several important changes in the way of abolition and amalgamation of appointments, appointments and also reduction of salaries of officers, by which, if agreed to, a further saving of from \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year will be secured. To some of these recommendations His Lordship has already consented.

The strength of the Military Forces now stationed in Hongkong and the passable condition of the population generally render it possible to diminish the cost of the Police. The growth of that force, and the concurrent growth of the Pension list have in recent years been very remarkable. In 1882 the cost of Pensions was \$9,000 and in 1891 \$22,000. The time has arrived when they can safely be checked and I hope permanently reduced. The Captain Superintendent has materially assisted the Government by suggesting economies amounting to the whole to \$15,000 a year, and these will be effected by a slight alteration in the composition of the Force and by the creation of a corps of men detailed to the home of children and stores. This reduction is irrespective of that which I propose to the Pensions in the future.

If you will add these figures together, taking the lowest of them you will see that a prospective saving of at least \$65,000 a year is contemplated. Re-borrowing in several directions has, as I have indicated, already commenced, whilst year past the amount saved will, on the occurrence of vacancies, increase until the extreme limit is reached.

NEW GAOL.

The question of the erection of a new Gaol has for several years been a very burning one. Soon after my assumption of the Government I made a representation to the Secretary of State on the subject. I urged His Lordship to reconsider the view which he had previously entertained that a new Prison should be built, block by block, on an site different to that occupied by the existing Prison. I am glad to say that my representation has not been altogether unsuccessful. The Secretary of State agreed to forego the construction of a new Prison on condition that the "glaring de-

ficiencies" as he describes them, in the present Gaol are removed, and that provision is made for the confinement of Criminal Prisoners on the same system. This will of course necessitate the acquisition of additional sites which is available in the neighbourhood of the cells now used as associated cells. It will be necessary to make arrangements for me to satisfy His Lordship that these conditions are not only capable of fulfilment but will be fulfilled.

When that is done the question may be considered as finally and I trust satisfactorily settled. I appointed a Committee to go through into the matter and it has just reported. The cost of the proposed works will be \$250,000, whereas \$90,000 at least would have been required for the construction on an open site of a new cellular prison. I strongly recommend the acceptance of the Report of the Committee and by consenting to the Loan, to give me power to carry out without unnecessary delay the suggested improvements.

GENERAL CONDITION.

With regard to the general condition of the Colony it is hardly necessary to point out that it has not fully recovered from the commercial crisis of exceptional severity which has recently passed. The number of cases tried up to date is 27. In 1891, the number was 32. The average annual number of cases between 1887 and 1890 was 6. A considerable portion of that decrease is of course owing to the increased power given to magistrates in 1891, to deal summarily with indictable offences. Notwithstanding this, it may fairly be said that the condition of the Colony with regard to Crimes of the more serious kind is satisfactory.

There have been no trials for extensive embezzlement and theft, though certainly two most flagrant cases occurred, the culprits escaping from the Colony. There has been a diminution in the number and no change of piracy during the year. It is a matter for congratulation that within recent years serious robbery by armed bands with violence, which used to form a former day to a very common offence has ceased to exist. This is no doubt owing to the deportation of Criminals, a policy which is much appreciated by, and enlisted the sympathies of, the respectable Chinese residents in the Colony.

Cordially acknowledging the assistance which the Chinese Community affords the Government in the suppression of crime, I trust that this aid will be continued, and that the policy of the Government in regarding the Colony of well-known dangerous characters will be supported and diligently persevered in.

LAND.

The value of land and houses is very low, and the price of shares in most of the local Companies and enterprises has fallen so heavily that large sums of money are locked up and cannot be released except at a ruinous loss.

While the legitimate business of the Colony has not fallen off,

a large portion of its capital has been transferred to other countries, somewhat recklessly and certainly regardless of speculation.

Thought there may be no immediate prospect of rapid improvement, we may look forward to the future hopefully.

LAND—TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

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appointments and also reduction of salaries of officers, by which, if agreed to, a further saving of from \$25,000 to \$30,000 a year will be secured. To some of these recommendations His Lordship has already consented.

The strength of the Military Forces now

stationed in Hongkong and the passable

condition of the population generally render

it possible to diminish the cost of the Police.

The growth of that force, and the concurrent

growth of the Pension list have in recent

years been very remarkable. In 1882 the

cost of Pensions was \$9,000 and in 1891 \$22,000. The time has arrived

when they can safely be checked and I hope

permanently reduced. The Captain Super-

intendent has materially assisted the

Government by suggesting economies

amounting to the whole to \$15,000 a

year, and these will be effected by a slight

alteration in the composition of the Force

and by the creation of a corps of men

detailled to the home of children and stores.

This reduction is irrespective of that which I propose to the Pensions in the future.

If you will add these figures together,

taking the lowest of them you will see that

a prospective saving of at least \$65,000 a

year is contemplated. Re-borrowing in

several directions has, as I have indicated,

already commenced, whilst year past the

amount saved will, on the occurrence of

vacancies, increase until the extreme limit

is reached.

NEW GAOL.

The question of the erection of a new

Gaol has for several years been a very

burning one. Soon after my assumption

of the Government I made a representation

to the Secretary of State on the subject.

I urged His Lordship to reconsider the

view which he had previously entertained

that a new Prison should be built, block by

block, on an site different to that occupied

by the existing Prison. I am glad to say that

my representation has not been altogether

unsuccessful. The Secretary of State agreed

to forego the construction of a new

Prison on condition that the "glaring de-

ficiencies" as he describes them, in the present Gaol are removed, and that provision is made for the confinement of Criminal Prisoners on the same system.

This will of course necessitate the acquisition of additional sites which is available in the neighbourhood of the cells now used as associated cells. It will be necessary to make arrangements for me to satisfy His Lordship that these conditions are not only

capable of fulfilment but will be fulfilled.

PHYSICAL DRILL.

With regard to Physical drill, a very important matter, the successful parade which was held last Monday on the Cricket ground, and which was attended by upwards of 500 scholars, will prove to those interested in Education that the physical drill not less than the mental development of the boys has been attended to.

CRIME.

The number of Criminal cases in the Supreme Court this year does not show

any striking contrast with that of the previous year, but the return for 1891 and 1892 taken together, exhibits a marked diminution in Criminals compared with previous years.

The number of cases tried up to date is 27. In 1891, the number was 32.

The average annual number of cases between 1887 and 1890 was 6.

A considerable portion of that decrease is of course owing to the increased power given to magistrates in 1891, to deal summarily with indictable offences.

Notwithstanding this, it may fairly be said that the condition of the Colony with regard to Crimes of the more serious kind is satisfactory.

HONG KONG SYMPOSIUM.

Drawn on this Government for Rupees 10.

2. In accordance with your request, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's letter No. 102, dated the 25th June last, informing me that, on the 14th June, you dispatched a telegram addressed to me as follows:—

"Hong Kong sympathises sincerely in the misfortune of Mauritius. Draw on this Government for Rupees 10."

3. In accordance with your request, I have the honor to inform you that the Receiver General of the Colony has, by to-day's

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J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, November 1, 1892. 1915

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